

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Balfour of the 9th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 15. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to change certain provisions relating to driver's license requirement, surrender of prior licenses, and prohibition of local licenses; to change certain provisions relating to driving while license suspended or revoked; to specify punishments for driving without being licensed; to amend Code Section 42-4-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to determination of nationality of person charged with felony or driving under the influence and confined in a jail facility, so as to provide for determination of nationality of person convicted of driving without being licensed; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 17. By Senators Harp of the 29th, Unterman of the 45th, Hooks of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to authorize certain optometrists to prescribe and administer oral and topical pharmaceutical agents

related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I and Schedule II controlled substances; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 18. By Senators Harp of the 29th and Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to court-connected alternative dispute resolution, so as to add municipal courts to the list of courts that may charge additional filing fees for civil actions and cases filed to fund alternative dispute programs; to change the composition of the Board of Trustees of County Fund for the Administration of Alternative Dispute Programs; to include cities within the chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

SB 19. By Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Williams of the 19th, Goggans of the 7th, Chance of the 16th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 32-6-170 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the authority of the Department of Transportation to pay costs of removal, relocation, or adjustment of certain utility facilities necessitated by construction of public roads, so as to allow the payment of the costs of certain facilities where the cost is in the public interest and the work is performed by the department's contractor; to amend Code Section 32-6-171 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the authority of the department to order the removal, relocation, or adjustment of utility facilities occupying any part of the public road system, so as to provide that a utility that fails to remove, relocate, or adjust a facility in a timely manner shall be responsible for failure to comply; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Transportation Committee.

SR 20. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 28th, Pearson of the 51st, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for limitations on state government taxation and expenditures; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Hill,Jack	Seabaugh
Balfour	Hill,Judson	Seay
Brown	Hooks	Shafer,D
Bulloch	Hudgens	Smith
Carter	Johnson	Staton
Chance	Jones	Tarver
Chapman	Me V Bremen	Tate
Cowsert	Moody	Thomas,D
Davenport	Mullis	Thomas,R
Douglas	Murphy	Thompson,C
Goggans	Orrock	Thompson,S
Golden	Pearson	Tolleson
Grant	Powell	Unterman
Harbison	Ramsey	Weber
Harp	Reed	Whitehead
Hawkins	Rogers	Wiles
Heath	Schaefer	Williams
Henson		

Not answering were Senators:

Butler (Excused)	Fort	Hamrick
Stoner		

Senator Stoner was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Lieutenant Governor introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. William Sheals of Norcross, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The Lieutenant Governor addressed the Senate extemporaneously.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 10. By Senator Seabaugh of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION commending Josh Tidwell, and for other purposes.

SR 11. By Senator Seabaugh of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Golf Hall of Fame player Mr. Allen Michael Doyle; and for other purposes.

SR 12. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending Annie Lee Boggs Latimer; and for other purposes.

SR 13. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Olivia Austin Pryor; and for other purposes.

SR 14. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Elizabeth Karen Pope; and for other purposes.

SR 15. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of William Michael McMullan; and for other purposes.

SR 16. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Madeline Marshall McMullan; and for other purposes.

SR 17. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Elizabeth Campbell Highsmith; and for other purposes.

SR 18. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Jackson Thomas Hurst; and for other purposes.

SR 19. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Henry Butler Herschend; and for other purposes.

Senator Goggans of the 7th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. William Clark.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 10. By Representative Keen of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 40, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as a Committee of Escort on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Moody of the 56th, Golden of the 8th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Adelman of the 42nd, Williams of the 19th, Brown of the 26th and Johnson of the 1st.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 11. By Representative Keen of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION

Relative to adjournment; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the General Assembly shall adjourn at the close of the legislative day on Thursday, January 11, 2007, and shall reconvene on Monday, January 22, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the duration of the remainder of the 2007 session of the General Assembly until its adjournment sine die, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall adjourn at 5:00 P.M. on each Friday on which the General Assembly is in session and shall reconvene on the Monday next following.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as authorized by Code Section 28-1-2, the hour for convening the Senate on each such Monday may be as ordered by the Senate; and the hour for convening the House on each such Monday may be as ordered by the House.

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 46, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Williams of the 19th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:06 a.m.